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**Meetings.**

**A USTRALASIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.**

A General MEETING of the Members of the Association will be held at the Royal Society's House, 37, Elizabeth-street, Sydney, THIS MORNING, September 3, at 9 A.M. o'clock, when the business left over from Friday last will be dealt with.

A. LIVERMORE, G. BENNETT, G. SEAN.

**ROYAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.**

A CONVERSATION will be held in the GREAT HALL of the UNIVERSITY

WEDNESDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER, at 8 p.m.

To prevent inconvenience Invitation Cards must be presented at the door.

Carrigaline are to enter the University Grounds by the Newtown-gate, and pass out by the Parramatta-road gate.

A. LIVERMORE, J. H. CARRINGTON, R. W. NELSON, Hon. Secy.

**MICROSCOPICAL SECTION, ROYAL SOCIETY OF N. S. W.**

The Monthly MEETING of the above SECTION will be held at the Society's House, Elizabeth-street, North, THIS (Monday) EVENING, at 8 p.m., instead of the usual date.

PERCY J. SPIMBURY, Hon. Secretary.

**BOROUGH OF BALMAIN PUBLIC MEETING.**

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING, the 5th September, in the large new Town Hall, Darlings-trees, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of connecting Roads to Glebe Point by bridges.

The Meeting to commence at 8 o'clock p.m.

The Mayor, Alderman, and Councillors, and the Presidents of the various Societies, will be present.

P. LEWIS, Esq., Mayor of the Glebe, will be the first speaker.

H. B. MACINTOSH, Clerk.

**EAST SYDNEY Protection League.** — No Meeting This (Monday) Evening. Asst. J. F. Howe, Western, Byrne, etc.

**THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF N. S. WALES**

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TUESDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER, 1888,

at the EXHIBITION BUILDING, PRINCE ALFRED PARK.

The attendance of all Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of the Craft is invited to attend the Opening Ceremony.

The Lodge of the United Grand Lodge of Masons will be open from 4 to 6 p.m. ONLY, and Grand Lodge will be opened at 6.15 p.m.

A BANQUET will take place immediately after close of the Lodge. Tickets for which (ONE GUINNA EACH) MUST BE APPLIED FOR AT ONCE, the space being limited.

By order.

ARTHUR H. BRAY, Grand Master, Masonic Hall, Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

**MASONIC.—ROBERT BURNS Lodge of Australia (U. D.)**

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING THIS EVENING, New Masonic Hall, Pitt-street, Sydney.

ROBERT W. NELSON, P.M., Secretary.

**MASONIC.—Kilwinning H.A.C., 8.C.—Meeting.**

7.30 p.m. Masonic Hall, York-street, Sydney.

W. H. BROWN, P.M., Secretary.

**MASONIC.—Lodge of Australia, THIS EVENING,**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at 8 o'clock THIS EVENING, at Oxford Hotel, Pitt-street.

FRED J. T. SAWKINS, Hon. Secy.

**CRICKET CLUB.**

ANNUAL MEETING will be held at the Exchange Hotel, on WEDNESDAY, September 3, at 8 o'clock.

Business—Annual Report, &c.

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**AMERICAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY'S £50,000 PENSION FUND.**

A MEETING of Members of the A. M. P. Society appointed to receive a pension to the officers will be held in the Equity Room, Pitt-street, Sydney, on WEDNESDAY, September 5, at 5 o'clock.

In this Fund to have the Pension master tried in the Equity Court. His Worship the Mayor will kindly take the chair.

CHARS. LE MARCHANT, Secretary.

**OLD NEWINGTONIAN CRICKET CLUB.—No. 70, Hobart Street, E. P. MEETS TO-NIGHT (Monday), Town Hall, Pitt-street.**

Full attendance required. Visitors invited.

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**EXCISE LAND INVESTMENT, and BUILDING COMPANY and BANK, Limited.**

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, 145, King-street, Sydney, on WEDNESDAY, September 5, at 12 o'clock noon.

Business—To receive the Report of the Directors, and to transact other ordinary business of the Company.

Further notice is given, that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 7th to the 14th day of September, 1888, inclusive.

Business : To receive the reports of the past year.

To elect one Director in the place of George Renwick, Esq., who retires by rotation and is eligible for re-election.

To elect two auditors in the place of George Durham, Esq., and Drs. Dixson, both of whom are eligible for re-election.

By order of the Board,

WILLIAM JARRETT, Manager.

Notice, GEORGE BENTWICK and ROBERT THOMPSON are giving the regular notice of their candidature for the election of Directors of the above Company.

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## THE NEWCASTLE COLLIERY STRIKE.

### THE MEDIATION COMMITTEE.

MASTERS' MEETING TO BE CALLED.

AN UNCONDITIONAL CONFERENCE PROBABLE.

THE MINERS' DELEGATES BESET WITH DIFFICULTIES.

PROPOSED CO-OPERATIVE STORE.

BEMEDICAL LEGISLATION SUGGESTED.

[By TELEGRAPH.]

(From our special reporter.)

NEWCASTLE, SUNDAY.

The delegation from the mediation committee, which waited on Mr. Gregson on Saturday, was successful in inducing the chairman of the Masters' Board to call a meeting of the masters for Tuesday morning in Sydney. Mr. Gregson, it is understood, did not at first view the request very favourably, but eventually consented, out of deference to the citizens' committee. The masters had no intention of meeting for a couple of months to come. The present meeting would not have been convened but for the earnestness displayed by Canon Selwyn, Mr. Brunker, the Mayor, and the other members of the committee, who are determined that no effort shall be wanting on their part to aid the settlement of the dispute. Mr. Gregson, together with Canon Selwyn, Mr. Brunker, and Mr. Cross have Newcastle for Sydney by the morning train, and will be followed in the evening by Mr. Knightley, Mr. Brown, and Mr. C. Stokes, the representatives of the Newcastle, New Lambton, and Fremantle collieries. The result of the masters' meeting is anxiously looked forward to by the people here, and the general impression seems to be that the masters will grant an unconditional conference with the miners' delegates. The masters may agree to adopt this course, provided the miners consent to the appointment of the Chief Justice or the Chief Judge in Equity in deciding definitely the disputes likely to arise out of the discussion for the final agreement. The miners are obstinate upon this point, and are not likely to give way, for they urge that the judges of the Supreme Court are wedded to capital, and therefore unlikely to do them justice. The miners' delegates have held firmly to their original request for an open conference with the masters, and have not made the smallest concession even to Mr. Brunker, in whom they appear to have implicit confidence.

The idea of starting a co-operative store, to supply the miners' wants during the strike, is not supported by the bulk of the miners, who say they would prefer to subscribe on a limited strike basis, and with it to make their own purchases, rather than submit to allowances from such an establishment. The project is the outcome of the sympathy exhibited by the miners in other districts in respect of subscriptions and the poor support given by the public towards the strike fund. Where half the earnings of the miners were expended, only 5 per cent. has been exacted, and this is naturally very disheartening to the leaders of the movement, and the coal-hewers favourable and unfavourable to the strike.

The miners' delegates are beset with difficulties now, besides having necessities of their own people to attend to they find all the coal-trimmers and the colliers "overmen" thrown upon their hands. These are the people who are most to be pitied, because their wages are very small in comparison with those of the coal-miners, and there is no prospect that any share of the funds will be theirs. The co-operative store would be gladly availed of by these men, for they see nothing but starvation awaiting them in the event of a continued strike. The coal-trimmers are the men who remove coal from the hold of the ship, and sail it through as quickly as it is dropped from the trucks. They have all stopped work under the influence of the enterates of the miners' board, and the last of their operations for the present closed with the loading of the s.s. *Buninyong* on Friday evening. Everything went smoothly during Friday, but the work was stopped yesterday, and the local manager for Messrs. Howard Smith and Sons experienced great difficulty in getting the steamer away by 6 p.m. The trimmers who ceased work correctly anticipated that efforts would be made to supply their places, and they prepared accordingly from an early hour. They posted themselves along the dyke with a view of intercepting "blacklegs" and preventing them working, and they managed the business to their almost complete satisfaction. Men were gathered from different parts of the city to undertake work, but as soon as they set foot upon the dyke they were surrounded, and with two exceptions prevented from boarding the steamer. I watched the scenes adopted for some hours, and it appeared that where pernicious eloquence was ineffectual, severity was singularly satisfactory. In one instance three trimmers were ferried over to the dyke from the A. & A. Company's boats, but before they reached the landing a large body of the strikers observed their approach and pointed upon them. The foreman of the steamer's coal-trimmers failed to get them any further, and he went back to the ship in dismay. Subscriptions were made, and one of the three received a second did not fire so well, and the third was left penniless. The strikers were unable to raise another shilling amongst them, and they had to expect some discomfiture from the private rights of this community. The presence of these men is, as things stand, an act of trespass. We can only expect the support of the community that is in rearing this unwarrantable action on the part of the men on strike.

I am, &c.,  
W. A. HARPER,  
Managing Director.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir.—There are two letters in the *Herald* of to-day signed "Varax" and "Mentor," which to every right-thinking man must be painful, showing as they do that there is among us those who would still keep up class hatred.

In my mind's eye I can picture the writers—well-to-do persons of the colony—sitting in their arm-chairs, and saying, "What! that the Government should be asked to accept the temporary resolutions of this meeting, embodying the resolutions of that meeting, should be at once presented, printed and circulated throughout all centres of population within the colony, for the purpose of obtaining signatures before presentation."

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meetings, and correspondence generally, do not furnish evidence of the truth of the charges made by Mr. CURRY, they do present facts in refutation of them. Instead of the miners not enjoying a fair share of the profits of colliery enterprise the pay-sheets of the mines have shown rates of wages higher than are obtained by any class of skilled artisans. And it is remarkable that the wages are higher in the collieries in which there have been grievances than in those where everything has gone smoothly. The pay-sheets of the Wallsend mine, where there is a happy family, are stated to show an average of about 12s. per day, while those of the Ferndale mine, in which there has been trouble between the masters and the men, are given as 13s. 6d. per day. The explanation of the apparent anomaly is that in the Ferndale mine, where the work is not quite so continuous, the men labour harder than in the Wallsend mine, where regulation rules forbid the output of more than a given quantity—considerably under the full working power of its regular roll-call. But in the pay-sheets of all the mines published so far, the wages are very high; and the miners have not dared to say directly that they are not. They say in effect, however, that the proprietors get too large a share of the profits, which means that they wish to make inroads upon the masters' profits. Indeed, if we turn to clause 3 of the miners' proposals we see they ask for advances in certain directions. As to the share of the profits received by the proprietors, the figures show that the dividend of the most profitable mine represents 2s. per ton, the remaining 9s. being paid in wages and shipping charges. Other proprietors get smaller amounts. Some of the mines have paid no dividend for years. The average price would probably not exceed 1s. But whatever may be the proportion of the distribution, it is precisely what was decided on more than ten years ago. The minimum hewing rate was then fixed at 8s. 6d. with coal at 9s., the lowest price at which it was thought a dividend could be paid. For every 1s. added to the price of coal the miners were to receive 4d., and under that arrangement they are now receiving 4s. 2d., with the price at 1s. per ton. There has been no attempt by the proprietors to recede from that position. It was the original distribution that was agreed upon by masters and men. If any circumstances have arisen which require that the wages should be raised they have not been stated. Mr. CURRY simply talks of the "unprecedented dividends" and the "unequal distribution of wealth." That is not sufficient to establish a claim for more money.

While Mr. CURRY has brought no evidence in proof of his charge of the "oppression of labour" by capitalists, the reports and correspondence published have shown very serious acts of "oppression of capital" by the labouring miners. The rejection by the Miners' Union of Mr. SNEDDEN's pitiful appeal to be allowed to work his 2000 tons of coal, because the suspension of operations would bring irretrievable loss to him, is a piece of the most tyrannical conduct. The reports seem to show that the Government is powerless to give protection either to capital or labour. Apparently non-union men are coerced into obedience to the law of the Associated Colliers. It is an oppressive and abominable law, working within a law which recognises, if for the time it does not enforce, the inalienable right of every man to labour as he chooses so long as he interferes with no one else. But the miners belonging to the Union say, "We will not work ourselves, except upon certain conditions, and no one else shall work." How long will the community submit to tyranny of this description?

The European papers coming to us from week to week show that unusual activity has characterised business on the Stock Exchanges during the past six months. The effects of Mr. GOSCHEN's conversion scheme have been most marked. No doubt the reduction of the interest rate on the English National Debt has, on the whole, been of benefit to the country; but the delay in bringing it about has caused inconvenience to trustees and capitalists, of which the excitement in the money market is but an exemplification. The 3 per cent rate was kept up unduly for several years after it had ceased to really represent the value of money for Government loan purposes. Wealth in the meantime went on accumulating, and when the change was made the effects were more marked than they would have been had the conversion taken place earlier. England is not the only country in which wealth is accumulating, and the money rate falling. The growth of capital in Germany is also producing a reduction in the interest return on securities, and we are told by the Berlin correspondent of the *Economist* that the people are getting dissatisfied with investments in stocks that are now only yielding 3 and 3½ per cent. Wealth is undoubtedly accumulating in Europe at a rate proportionately faster than the means of its investment.

The results of this are seen in the number of new undertakings put on the London market. The total amount of the capital of the fresh loans and companies for the past six months was no less than £109,045,000, being twice as much as the average in the first half of several preceding years. It is worthy of notice that this large addition of new projects was not accompanied by any decline of industrial enterprise in the mother-country. The British import and export tables of the first half of this year show expansion on both sides, the imports being valued at £189,739,707, an increase of 5·7 per cent, and the exports of home productions at £112,877,945, an increase of 8 per cent, an amount considerably beyond any possible increase of the population. Thus people have not in despair had to take money from the ordinary business channels to find investment for it in securities of which a large part are outside the mother country. The general industries of the United Kingdom are being fed with capital, and the surplus funds go to fructify the material interests of British colonies and foreign countries, with direct returns to the British capitalist and indirect returns to the British artisan; for a large part of these loans are taken in the form of merchandise, farm implements, and railway materials, and yield a percentage to the British shipowner. The British nation grows in wealth and comfort more largely from the judicious investment of a part of its capital outside its own circumscribed boundaries, than would be possible from any attempt to lock it all up in restricted industries. The results of British

loans in cheapening the raw product by lowering the cost of production and facilitating the means of communication have been simply incalculable.

The special interest for us in all this financial activity is the amount that has been contributed for Australasia. Of the total issues £13,705,000, or one-eighth of the whole, represents the money lent for the development of our resources. The Government loans amounted to £9,500,000; the corporations borrowed £145,000; the land mortgage companies took £2,430,000; for the development of gold, silver, and copper mines, £1,000,000, was offered, while for coal-mining the capital was £210,000, and £200,000 was the amount for miscellaneous purposes. As the annual average of the yearly investments in colonial loans or companies is about £20,000,000 it will be seen that the half-year's figures show no abatement in the investment of colonial capital in these colonies. If we except the £1,000,000 of money represented in gold, silver, and copper mining stocks, which will probably give but a poor return to English, as nearly all such investments do to colonial capitalists, there is very fair reason to believe that the outlay will be remunerative to investors. Of course this does not represent all the money that is coming to the colonies for investment, for it is well known that insurance companies and private capitalists have been freely sending out capital, while the Australasian bank figures also imply an increase in the amount of foreign money represented in their advances in excess of their liabilities, probably not less than seven millions more. During the second quarter of the year, the average figures of the Banks, published in the *Australasian Insurance and Banking Record*, show that during that time the Banks alone had drawn from extraneous sources for their use here no less than four millions and a-half sterling.

Doubtless there is scope for the use of more capital in the colonies. But we

should be speedily arrived at. Sir Henry Parkes replied that he would lay the matter before the Government within the next 10 days for their final determination, the master having already been considered at great length.

Sir Colonial Treasurer entertained a large party of ladies and gentlemen on Friday at a harbour excursion in the steamer *Theba*. A very pleasant day was spent in a trip up the Parramatta, and in a visit to Watson's Bay. The party was principally composed of inter-colonial visitors who have been attending the Conference of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science, and amongst those present were Sir James Hector, of New Zealand; Messrs. A. Campbell, M.L.C., of Adelaide; H. H. Layton, Government Statist, Victoria; J. Forest, of Western Australia; Professor Black of New Zealand; Principal Grant, of Canada; Harcourt, of New Zealand; and Professor Bouleau of Adelaide. There were also present—Sir Henry Parkes, Sir John Robertson, Sir Edward Strickland; Messrs. J. E. Salomons, G. A. Lloyd, G. B. Simpson, M.L.C.; J. Inglis; F. Abigail, J. R. Riley, and George Withers, M.L.A.; John Harris, Mayor of Sydney; H. C. Russell, of the Observatory; E. Lee, Drs. Jackson, Fischer, and MacLaurin, and the Rev. Dr. Jeffries. The party returned to the wharf about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and the visitors expressed their pleasure at the favourable opportunity thus given them of seeing the beauties of the harbour.

It is the intention of the Minister of Mines to pay a visit to Tamworth, Bingara, and the Richmond River districts before the termination of the recess. While in the Richmond River district he proposes to inspect the Italian agricultural settlement there. Mr. Abigail anticipates that the tour will occupy about a fortnight.

On the recommendation of Major Penrose, R.E., the Government have appointed Commander Lee, of the Naval Artillery Volunteers, a captain in the corps of the Permanent Submarine Miners. The salary to command the vessel is £350 per annum, with quarters and the other usual allowances. The appointment will receive the approval of the Executive Council tomorrow. Major Penrose will command the corps, and Commander Lee will, it is understood, be second in command. Under the circumstances Commander Lee will have to serve his connection with the Naval Artillery Volunteers.

We understand that the Mayor has decided to appoint Dr. Clay to the position of city health officer. There were five applicants for the office. Dr. Clay acted as deputy for Dr. Dassay some time since.

A MEETING of Convocation of the University of Sydney was held on Saturday, at which a series of resolutions were passed. It was decided that Convocation should meet twice in each year, and that the body should ask for power to enable it to originate any statute or regulation, and recommend the same for the approval of the Senate. The meeting affirmed the desirability of Fellows of the Senate being elected for a definite term of years, and expressed an opinion in favour of professors being required to submit themselves for election as Fellows of the Senate. A motion relative to the election of Chancellor by Convocation was discussed, but it was shelved by the previous question being moved.

The members of the anthrax experiment board will leave Sydney by train this evening for Old Junce station, where the first vaccination of cattle and sheep, in accordance with the terms of the demonstration by the representatives of M. Pasteur, will take place tomorrow morning. The character of the demonstration has already been explained in the *Herald*. The system of M. Pasteur is vaccination with an attenuated virus, or a virus so modified by a series of successive cultivations that, while it will not kill the animal, it will remove all that nutrient from the system which would nourish the anthrax microbe, and thus preserve the animal from the disease. The demonstration to be given is simply to prove the efficacy of this system.

M. Pasteur, through his representatives, professes to be able to vaccinate sheep, cattle, horses, or any other animal subject to anthrax or Cumberland disease, so as to make them proof against it.

For this purpose Dr. Germeau and Mr. Loir will tomorrow in the presence of the board and the public, vaccinate a certain number of sheep and a certain number of cattle. At the same time an equal number of each will be drafted off without vaccination.

The whole, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, will, some days later on, be inoculated with the most virulent virus of anthrax, and the result, it is believed, will be that the whole of the vaccinated cattle will remain unharmed, but that the unvaccinated will die.

A similar result will be effected in the case of the cattle. The board will also superintend an experiment by Mr. Gehrig of Albury, who claims to be able to cure sheep suffering from anthrax. Both experiments will no doubt be watched with the greatest interest by the public, but more particularly by stockbreeders, for at the present time the loss to them through Cumberland disease in sheep and cattle alone amounts to something like £100,000 a year, and the malady is on the increase.

At the meeting of the geographical section of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science, on Saturday, two important matters were discussed.

The first was upon a paper dealing with some supposed further traces of Dr. Leichhardt, the explorer, and the other matter was antarctic exploration and the duty of Australia in regard to it.

The section decided to recommend the association to appoint a committee to consider the question. The association now numbers 820 members.

His Honor Judge Dowling on Saturday last delivered his reserved judgment in the case in which a Chinaman named Sui Yoke appealed against a decision given by Mr. G. W. F. Addison, S.M., at the Water Police Court when appellant was fined £50, and £10 10s. costs, in default six months' imprisonment, on a charge of acting as banker in a gaming-house. His Honor upheld the appeal, but under the circumstances disallowed costs.

The Tramway Fire Board sat on Saturday and heard further evidence from special witnesses. On Wednesday any persons who may have information to convey will be heard, and the board, in the interest of the public, invite all who have evidence to give to come forward.

The annual dinner in connection with the Standard Brewery Volunteer Fire Brigade was held in the large room in the Brewery, Elizabeth-street, on Saturday evening last. The chair was occupied by Mr. Sinclair, the manager, and Captain Love, president of the New South Wales Volunteer Fire Association, was in the vice-chair. Captain Woods of the Brewery Brigade, occupied a seat on the right of the chairman. After a capital repast, several toasts were given and responded to, and a report was read which showed that the brigade had done good work during the past year, and was in a satisfactory position. The receipts during the year were £25, and the expenditure £23. The patriotic toasts having been given from the chair, Mr. Murphy proposed, "The Standard Brewery and its Brigade." He alluded to the hazardous nature of the fireman's duty. They were constantly risking their lives in order to save other people's property. In their own brigades there were disciplined men whom the captain knew he could trust. They were among the most respected of the brigades of the metropolis; they did good work and certainly deserved a little more Government support. Captain Love, in responding, expressed thanks for the kindness always received at the hands of Superintendent Bear. Mr. J. March gave "The Metropolitan Fire Brigade Board," coupling with it the names of Mr. Brown and Superintendent Bear. He alluded to the admirable way in which the board did its duty, and expressed the hope that it would be able to vote the Brewery Brigades a little more money. Mr. McCoy, in responding, spoke of the good feeling which existed between all the brigades, and said that if ever the Standard Brewery men had occasion to distinguish themselves the board would doubtless recognise it in a very proper manner. The toast of "Sister Brigades" was given by Mr. Evans. A number of others followed, and the evening was spent in a frank and harmonious manner.

Mr. CHARLES ROBERTS, who, for about eight years, has been connected with the Central Police Court offices, and latterly registrar of small debts, has been appointed emergency clerk of petty sessions. On Saturday morning his fellow-clerks assembled in one of the offices adjoining the longroom, and presented him with a very handsome travelling bag as a mark of their esteem. The presentation, which was made by Mr. C. A. H. Redgrave, assistant clerk of petty sessions, was responded to by Mr. Roberts in fitting terms.

An illustration of the immense progress which has been made late in the art of photography is

furnished by the collection of portraits enlarged on porcelain, now to be seen at the premises of the Permanent Porcelain Portrait Company, in the Sydney Arcade. By the aid of a new invention, known as the argentic galatino-bromide process, this firm has succeeded in producing on porcelain pictures of a permanent character, which for artistic finish and delicacy are in many cases much superior to the originals from which they are copied. Since its establishment in Sydney the company has executed enlarged photos of many well-known Sydney residents, including, amongst others, sixteen members of Parliament.

The following letter has been addressed to the hon. president of the School of Arts Debating Club in consequence of certain disorderly scenes having lately taken place:—Sir.—It having been reported to the committee by one of the officers of the institution that a disturbance had taken place at a recent meeting of the Debating Club, I am instructed to inform you that the public will not be admitted to the debate until further notice, and further, that the committee will take an early opportunity of investigating the cause of the disturbance, with a view of deciding whether the club shall be any longer permitted to use the hall. I am, yours faithfully, H. Podmore, secretary.

It has also been explained to the honorary secretary that by the terms of the committee's resolution, members of the institution, unless bona-fide members of the club, will be considered as included under the head of "the public," and as such will not be admitted to the debates.

The bazaar which is being held at Petersham in aid of the building fund of the new Roman Catholic church of St. Thomas, bids fair to fully realise the expectations of the promoters, the amount of patronage extended to the affair since the opening being so considerable, and the takings at the various stalls so satisfactory, that a goodly sum is understood to be in the treasurers' hands. Despite the unfavourable weather the bazaar was very numerously attended on Saturday evening, and to relieve the monotony of the buying and selling, a musical entertainment—one of a series, comprising popular vocal and instrumental pieces—was presented and evidently enjoyed. It is intended to keep the bazaar open all this week.

At the Centennial Exhibition of the National and Industrial Association of Queensland, held in Brisbane yesterday, the following were among the fine awards:—Best light white, any vintage, Bouffier Brothers, Sydney; certificate; full white, any vintage, Bouffier Bros., certificate; red claret, Bouffier Bros., bronze medal; ditto, certificate; red Burgundy, Bouffier Bros., bronze medal; sweet white, Bouffier Bros., bronze medal; ditto, certificate; red Bouffier Bros., bronze medal.

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At the Conference of Republican members of the United States Senate it was decided to bring in a tariff bill reducing the duty on sugar by one-half, and slightly increasing the duty on wool.

THE SUGAR AND WOOL DUTIES IN AMERICA.

LONDON, Sept. 1.

At a meeting of the Port Phillip and Colonial Gold-mining Company a committee was appointed to confer with the directors with the view of winding up the company, or of increasing the capital.

THE SUGAR BOUNTIES.

LONDON, Aug. 31.

The Sugar Bounties Convention, which has been signed by the representatives of the various European countries who have agreed to the abolition of the bounties, will be ratified in August, 1890.

The Convention is to continue in operation for 10 years from September, 1891. Raw and refined sugar, molasses, and glucose from bounty countries will be excluded by the signatory countries.

Great Britain has agreed not to impose differential duties in favour of sugar from the colonies. Withdrawal from the convention will be allowed at one year's notice.

An International Commission will be appointed to watch the carrying out of the Convention.

THE BRITISH SEALERS IN BEHRING SEA.

LONDON, Sept. 1.

The Hon. T. Bayard, American Secretary of State, has directed that British sealing vessels

are not to be molested by American vessels in Behring Sea.

AUSTRALIAN WINES FOR THE QUEEN.

LONDON, Sept. 1.

Mr. Burgoynes has received an order from Her Majesty the Queen for the supply of Australian red and white wines.

ADVANCE IN FREIGHTS.

LONDON, Sept. 1.

It is expected that a general advance in freights will take place. The steamship companies trading to New Zealand have announced an advance of 5s. per ton.

THE ORIENT STEAMERS TO CALL AT COLOMBO.

LONDON, Sept. 1.

The steamers of the Orient Company will in future call at Colombo, commencing with the Austral.

ORDERS FOR NEW SOUTH WALES TIMBER.

LONDON, Aug. 31.

Mr. Laurie, of Port Macquarie, New South Wales, has obtained several large orders for the supply of colonial timber, including a trial shipment on behalf of the German Government, of timber for street-paving purposes at Hamburg.

COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, Sept. 1.

Consols, 100.

New South Wales 5 per cent, 1900-1902, 116.

New South Wales Inscribed 4 per cent, January-July, 114.

New South Wales Inscribed 3½ per cent, April-October, 108.

Victoria 4½ per cent, 1904, January-July, 112.

Victoria 3 per cent, 1907, January-July, 110.

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South Australian Inscribed 4 per cent, April-October, 109.

Queensland Inscribed 4 per cent, January-July, 107½.

Tasmanian 1 per cent, bond, January-July, 109.

New Zealand 5 per cent, Consols, January-April, July October, 104½.

New Zealand Inscribed 4 per cent, Consols, May-November, 98½.

West Australian 4½ per cent bonds, April-Oct., 108.

West Australian 4 per cent, Inscribed, January-July, 105.

At yesterday's public auction of Australasian tallow the number of casks offered

## THE CHINESE QUESTION.

ISSUE OF A BRITISH BLUE BOOK.  
DESPATCH FROM LORD SALISBURY.

(By Cable.)  
(From our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Sept. 1.  
A Blue Book has been issued dealing with the question of the restriction of Chinese immigration to Australia.

It contains a despatch from Lord Salisbury, dated June 22, directing Sir John Walshaw, British Minister at Pekin, to urge the Chinese Government to agree to a convention similar to that between China and the United States, and based upon the decisions of the Sydney conference.

Lord Salisbury was anxious that the colonies should not adopt any measure which would be at variance with existing treaties.

## THE EXCLUSION OF CHINESE FROM AMERICA.

## CHINA REFUSES TO RATIFY THE TREATY.

LONDON, Sept. 1.  
China refuses to ratify the treaty entered into with the United States for the exclusion of Chinese from America for 20 years.

## INTERCOLONIAL NEWS.

(By Telegraph.)  
(From our Correspondent.)

## VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, SUNDAY.  
The Exhibition on Saturday was attended by 21,513 persons. The evening was wet. An orchestral concert was given in the afternoon, and a popular concert in the evening. A meeting of about 80 members of the choir was held on Saturday afternoon to protest against the non-admission of the choir to the Saturday evening concerts. A resolution was carried that the choir be admitted to all concerts in which they are not engaged.

A military parade was held at Albert Park on Saturday, when Colonel Disney, the retiring military commandant, made the force's "annual."

A conference of municipal delegates held on Friday passed a resolution that, in the opinion of the conferees, all the main channels and weirs constructed by the waterworks and other trusts should be deemed national works.

The demand for vines and fruit trees at Sandhurst is greater this year than ever before. One firm of nurseries supplied 190,000 fruit trees, and 80,000 vines for the northern plains. Other nurseries have completed correspondingly large orders.

Early on Saturday morning an old State school at Tarraville was entirely destroyed by fire under circumstances suggestive of an act of incendiarism.

A strong team of greyhounds left Melbourne on Saturday for the Rosehill coursing meeting.

## QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE SUNDAY.  
A proclamation has been issued rescinding the proclamation of the 18th November, 1886, which declared Java and the other Sunda Islands infected with cholera, and imposing 14 days' quarantine on all vessels which touched at those ports.

The Isine Investment Company have decided to give the workmen at Torbanlea Colliery, at Burra, 10 per cent advance on the existing scale of wages until the end of the Newcastle strike. Commercial men in Rockhampton are greatly excited over the statement that Landsdowne station intends sending wool to and obtaining supplies from Brisbane this season, via Charleville, instead of Rockhampton, which they attribute to the reduction in the rates on the Southern and Western line. Prompt action will probably be taken in the matter.

H.M.S. Opal left Cooktown yesterday for New Guinea, with McGregor and Messrs. Musgrave and Holt on board.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

## ADELAIDE, SUNDAY.

In the northern areas there has been a great lack of rain, and in the northern and north-eastern parts the drought is giving cause for great anxiety. The appearance of the crops all through the lower north is now very promising, the soil being well saturated. Reports from York's Peninsula give promise of a splendid season.

An accident happened to the propeller of the steamer Gambier. She was towed up from the Semaphore to the port wharfs on Saturday morning.

The Mount Lofty Hills are covered with 2in. of snow. In some parts it is half a foot deep.

Meetings will be held this week to consider the recommendations passed by sub-committees to amalgamate the Australian National Union with the Natives Association.

## TASMANIA.

HOBART, SUNDAY.  
The funeral of Herr Schom, musician, took place today, and was largely attended. He died on Friday of paralysis, from which he had suffered for about two years. His age was 57.

The position of political affairs is universally regarded as unsatisfactory.

The revenue for the past month is very good, amounting to over £52,000.

## ARRIVAL OF THE M.M.S. SYDNEY AT ALBANY.

(By Telegraph.)  
(From our Correspondent.)

## ALBANY, SATURDAY.

The M.M.S. Sydney, M. Fisch, commander, arrived from Mahé at 7 p.m. on the 31st August. The following are the passengers:-

For ADELAIDE: Messrs. Jones and Ford.

For MELBOURNE: Messrs. Francois Comentel, Hugo, Gobin, Morat, Costa, Casas, Cabus, Garrigan, Farren, Moreau.

For SYDNEY: Messrs. Cabanossa, Mark (2), Doepeel, Hassett, Raepid and two companions, Fadour and two companions, Madames Sanlaville, Laforest and two infants.

For Noumea: Maigrot and wife three children, Maxicot wife and infant, Moore and wife, Eave and wife, Desmaisons, Carrot and two children, Vitard, Vironot and wife, Gabon, Cauman and child, Galipone, Grignonard, Edisane, Gabon, Jean Bourgey, Lezonniere, Miss Pratt.

## THE MELBOURNE TRADES HALL COUNCIL.

(By Telegraph.)  
(From our Correspondent.)

## MELBOURNE, SUNDAY.

At a meeting of the Trades Hall Council on Friday a letter was read from the Saddlers' Society, suggesting that the council should organise a monster deputation of the associated trades to urge on the Premier the desirability of the Government placing at least £50,000 on the Estimates for prospecting for coal in Victoria. The consideration of the matter was deferred till next meeting. A letter was read asking the council to assist in securing the retention of the duty of 25 per cent on portable and traction engines. Mr. Trinewell moved that the Government be requested to retain the duty. He said that if the principle of remitting the duty to serve the interests of a section of the community were once adopted, other protective duties would soon be removed, and it would not be long before absolute free trade became a fact in this colony. The motion was carried.

## WHISKY, NOT LADIES.

A Queenstown-twisted Mr. Walker of Kilmarnock, for such a poor, mean little label on his whisky bottle. "He sold whisky, not ladies." Not bad for Johnny Walker. (Adv't.)

## THE VICTORIAN REVENUE.

(By Telegraph.)  
(From our Correspondent.)

## MELBOURNE, SUNDAY.

The Customs revenue for the past month was considerably above the estimate, and also in excess of the amount collected for the corresponding period of last year. The amount received was £200,778. Of this £7965 was paid in drawbacks, leaving £192,813 net, being £79,988 above the estimate, and £52,817 over the amount for August last year. The increase in the revenue during the two months of the present financial year is £157,827.

## LOCAL OPTION IN VICTORIA.

(By Telegraph.)  
(From our Correspondent.)

## MELBOURNE, SUNDAY.

At the annual breakfast of the Victorian Alliance on Friday morning, Mr. Deskin, in responding to the toast of "The Parliament," said that the local option battle had only been commenced. Their opponents might pile technically upon Parliament, but Parliament, in the achievement of its purpose, would inevitably and speedily sweep them away. The Government proposed to introduce at the earliest possible opportunity a measure to prevent the Act of last session being nullified by any more technicality. It was an absolute certainty that local option would be carried out, and Parliament would find funds to carry the law into effect. These two were the only obstacles to be overcome, but both could and would be removed. If the alliance wished the principles to be carried into effect it behaved them to take the deepest interest in the next Parliamentary elections.

## THE OUTBREAK OF SMALLPOX AT LAUNCESTON.

(By Telegraph.)  
(From our Correspondent.)

HOBBART, SUNDAY.

There is nothing new in regard to the reported case of smallpox at Launceston. One medical man is of opinion that it is chicken-pox. The isolation of the patient is perfect. All the precautions suggested by the experience of last year have been adopted.

## MELBOURNE, SUNDAY.

In view of the outbreak of smallpox at Launceston, the health officer to the Heads has been instructed to carefully examine all persons arriving there. The Central Board of Health will consider whether further action should be taken.

## ADELAIDE, SUNDAY.

In consequence of the reported outbreak of smallpox at Launceston, all vessels from Tasmania will be subjected to rigid medical examination before going into the harbour.

## COUNTRY NEWS.

(By Telegraph.)  
(From our Correspondent.)

BULLI, SUNDAY.

At a farewell meeting last night the Rev. J. B. Griddle, who is leaving Bulli to fill the office of general superintendent of aboriginal missions, was presented with a purse containing upwards of £35, in recognition of his services in the parish during the past 11 months. He also received a valuable souvenir from the local Literary and Debating Society, of which he was founder and president.

## CAMDEN, SATURDAY.

A large number of suppliers met at Cobbleby last night to complete arrangements for the establishment of a butter factory in that district. Mr. F. W. A. Downes presided. The meeting was a great success, and 1300 shares were taken up. Mr. Downes was elected secretary pro tem. An influential provisional committee was elected to make final arrangements for the erection of a factory.

## COONAMBLE, SATURDAY.

A large number of wool teams passed through the town during the past few weeks. Shaving is over at some of the local stations. The clip generally this season is good condition.

## CROOKFIELD, SATURDAY.

Rain commenced at 10 o'clock last night, and continued with prospect of lasting all day. The rivers and creeks, which have been still all the winter, are now rising rapidly. The effect of the pasture and crops will be great.

## GOWRA, SATURDAY.

During the last 17 hours a continuous soaking rain has been falling. It commenced at 10 last night. One hundred and twenty points have been registered. There is every appearance at night of a continuance. The farmers are jubilant at the change.

## COONABRINA, SATURDAY.

Light showers fell throughout last night. The sky is still overcast, and duration more rain.

## GOONAWIRRA, SATURDAY.

Nice steady rain fell during most of the day, and it looks like more. It will do a lot of good. About half an inch has fallen.

## COWRA, SATURDAY.

A steady rain has been falling since 10 o'clock last night, registering 140 points. The bush fires raging yesterday, and the weather is still cloudy and threatening.

## GULDBRO, SATURDAY.

Bush fires were burning fiercely yesterday on the ranges. A strong north-easterly gale was blowing clouds of dust and smoke over the town. It continued until daylight, when the wind died away, and steady rain set in from the westward, continuing all day. 50 points had fallen up to 7 p.m. The rain has ceased, but it is still cloudy and threatening.

## HILLTOPPEL, SATURDAY.

Steady rain fell all last night. The gauge has registered 110 points, and the weather is still cloudy and threatening.

## GUNUNG, SATURDAY.

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## GUNNING, SATURDAY.

Twenty-three points of rain fell during the night. The sky is cloudy. Pattering showers are reported in parts of the district, but more rain is required.

## LITHGOW, SATURDAY.

Twenty-three points of rain fell yesterday. Yesterday was a dry day. It is not likely to continue.

## HILLSTON, SATURDAY.

Forty points of rain fell last night. The weather is now fine.

## KIMA, SATURDAY.

Early this morning rain commenced falling very lightly, which continued for two or three hours. What has fallen will revive the languishing vegetation, but is not sufficient to renew the life of the reeds of yesterday. The water is now being sent to other towns and America? Some people said that protection would increase the cost of food. This was not borne out by the experience of Protectionists, where wheat was now cheaper than before. Protection would regulate the market, and bring about a general prosperity. One journal noted that even freebooters might be inclined to retaliate, and he contended that any one expressing such an opinion had overstepped the boundary-line of reason, and should have stopped his mouth. But there was no evidence to support this view.

## MOUNTAIN, SATURDAY.

Good steady rain has been falling since last night, and there is every prospect of a continuance.

## MUNISING, SATURDAY.

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## NARRABRI, SATURDAY.

The weather has broken. There is every prospect of a rain fall.

## NYMAGEE, SATURDAY.

A heavy rain, accompanied with clouds of dust, was blowing all yesterday. In the evening light rain set in and continued through the night. Rain is still threatening.

## OLEY, SATURDAY.

Steady rain commenced to fall early this morning, and continued incessantly all day. 75 points have been registered, and it has every appearance of a continuance. The rain was badly wanted. The farmers had given up all hope of the crops.

## PARKES, SATURDAY.

Nice steady rain commenced at 9.30 p.m. yesterday, and it continued through the day. The rain will do great good and will save the crops.

## QUEANBEYAN, SATURDAY.

A terrific dust storm blew yesterday. Rain began at night, and still threatens, and there is every prospect of it continuing.

## QUIRINDI, SATURDAY.

A very heavy rain fell during the night, and seems likely to continue.

## REEDLEY, SATURDAY.

Heavy rain fell yesterday. The rain will do great good and will save the crops.

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## Auction Sales.

THE NEW AUCTION MART, 190, PITT-STREET.

THIS DAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER, at 11 a.m.

ATTRACTIVE SALE BY AUCTION

CHOICE WATERCOLOUR DRAWINGS, OIL PAINTINGS, HANDSOME ENGRAVINGS, NAME ENGRAVINGS.

Just landed in excellent order, ex Duke of Devonshire, from London.

This collection includes

Half-Acre, "Grace Darling," "Affection," "The Honeymoon," "Among the Ferns," "Cottage," "Betrayal," "The Bell Letter," "Country Life," First Lesson," "Humility," "Happy Hours," "Night," "Overstuffed," "No Thoroughfare," "Old Friend," "Nature," "The Present," "Last Love," "Lost Time," "Forgiving Party," "Redemption," "Reprimand," "Royal Pets," "Remembered," "Seville," "School," "Sister," "Sister," "Sister," "The Fight for the Standard," "The Last kiss," "Kiss Me," "My Dog and I," "Dreams of Hope," "Mire Tavern," "Shepherd," "Louis XVII," "Moses in Midian," "For You Mine," &amp;c., &amp;c.

To Lovers of the Fine Arts, Picture Dealers, Ladies and Gentlemen Furnishing, &amp;c., &amp;c.

HARRIS AND ACKMAN have received instructions to sell all their shipment of Pictures by Auction, at THE NEW AUCTION MART, 190, PITT-STREET, THIS DAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER, at 11 a.m.

ON VIEW MORNING OF SALE.

## TERMS AT SALE.

TUESDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER, at 11 a.m.

## FOR SALE BY AUCTION.

Under instructions from the Importers.

200 Bags QUEENSLAND AND COLONIAL SUGARS  
50 Cases DRIED FRUITS, Assorted50 Boxes FRESH PICKLES  
50 Boxes FRESH SAUCES

100 Boxes "Edible" CANDLES

200 Boxes FRESH HOPS, each 2 Boxes

200 Boxes CURRANTS

100 Boxes QUARTER SARDINES

100 Boxes QUARTER TUNAS

100 Boxes QUEENSLAND HOBKINS' VINEGAR

200 Cases Hobkirk's PICKLES

200 Boxes QUEENSLAND CANDLES

50 Cases HAMMANS

50 Cases HOBKIRK'S VINEGAR

100 Boxes HOBKIRK'S VINEGAR

50 Boxes DRIED HAM

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50 Boxes DRIED TOMATOES

50 Boxes DRIED WHISKY

100 Boxes COCONUT

50 Boxes CLOTHES LINES.

On account of whom it may concern.

With all cases.

15 Half Chests and 15 Boxes TEAS.

In Camera, Hotel Proprietors, Shopkeepers, Shippers, Dealers, &amp;c., &amp;c., &amp;c.

HARRIS AND ACKMAN will sell the above BY AUCTION, at THE NEW AUCTION MART, 190, PITT-STREET, ON TUESDAY NEXT, 4th SEPTEMBER, at 11 a.m.

## TERMS AT SALE.

THE NEW AUCTION MART, 190, PITT-STREET.

TUESDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER,

half past 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

EXTENSIVE SALE BY AUCTION

OF SUPERIOR COLONIAL-MADE FURNITURE,

comprising—

CEDAR BOOKCASES, plate-glass doors, with Drawers and Cupboards.

OFFICE TABLES and DESKS

EXTENDING DINING-TABLES, in Cedar, Drawing-Room SUITES, upholstered in Morocco COWHIDE, TABLES, KITCHEN DRESSERS

Woolen Spring MATTRESSES

ELEGANT CEDAR and PINE BEDROOM SUITES

PINE and CEDAR WARDROBES, with bevelled plate-glass doors

Cedar and Pine CHESTS OF DRAWERS, combination and PAIRS TOILETS, in Cedar and Pine, with marble top

Single and Double WASHSTANDS, TOILET TABLES

LADIES' TABLES, in CEDAR, with bevelled plate-glass doors, fitted with Drawers, Calicoets, &amp;c.

Cedar and Pine CHIFFONERS, &amp;c., &amp;c.

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